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MINUTES

THE conference met at the château of Crans by the kind invitation of Colonel and Madame van Berchem. The first meeting was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22nd.

1. Constitution of the Conference. It was moved by Dr John R. Mott and seconded by Bishop Hennig that Mr Oldham should take the chair until the conference was constituted and appointed its own officers.

Mr Oldham took the chair and, after reading Isaiah xl. 1–11 and 28–31, led the meeting in an act of thanksgiving, prayer and faith.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the conference to Colonel and Madame van Berchem for their hospitality and Colonel van Berchem extended a hearty welcome to the members of the conference.

The Chairman reported that the following had been appointed as delegates to the conference :

By the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America :

Rev. S. J. Corey, LL.D., Secretary, Foreign Christian Missionary Society.

Rev. James Endicott, D.D., General Secretary, Foreign Missions Methodist Church.

Galen M. Fisher, Secretary for Japan, International Committee, Y.M.C.A.

Rev. Principal Alfred Gandier, D.D., LL.D., Principal, Knox College, Toronto.

Rev. Canon S. Gould, D.D., General Secretary, Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Dr John R. Mott, General Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation.

Rev. W. E. Strong, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Fennell P. Turner, Secretary, Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

Rev. Charles R. Watson, D.D., President of the American University, Cairo.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D.D., Secretary and Treasurer, United Lutheran Church in America.

By the Standing Committee of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland :

Rev. Frank Ashcroft, Foreign Mission Secretary of the United Free Church of Scotland.

Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, Hon. Secretary, Church Missionary Society.

Rev. W. Goudie, General Secretary, Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society.

Dr Henry T. Hodgkin, Secretary, Friends' Foreign Mission Association.

Rt. Rev. Bishop King, Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.[1]

Rev. Frank Lenwood, Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society.[1]

Kenneth Maclennan, Secretary of the Conference of British Missionary Societies.

Rev. J. H. Ritson, D.D., Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. C. E. Wilson, Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society.

By the General Mission Board of the Dutch Reformed Church, South Africa :

Rev. D. S. B. Joubert, B.D., Secretary, British and Foreign Bible Society, Cape Town.

By the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society :

M. le pasteur Daniel Couve, Directeur-adjoint, Société des Missions Évangéliques de Paris.

M. le pasteur E. Allégret, D.D., Directeur-adjoint, Société des Missions Évangéliques de Paris.[1]

By the Dutch Committee of Advice :

Zendingsdirector J. W. Gunning, D.D.

By the Swedish General Missionary Conference :

Dr Karl Fries, Chairman of the Working Committee of the Swedish General Missionary Conference.

[1] M. Allégret was able to be present only at the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th sessions of the conference. Bishop King and Mr Lenwood left after the 12th session.

By the Norwegian Missionary Society :

Pastor H. W. D. Smith, Director of the Missionary Training School of Det Norske Missionsselskap, Stavanger.

By the Danish Missionary Council :

Professor Frederik Torm, D.D., Professor of Theology at Kopenhagen.

By the National Joint Missions Committee of Finland :

Probst Matti Tarkkanen, Missionsdirector, Finnish Missionary Society, Chairman of the National Joint Mission Committee of Finland.

By the Belgian Society of Protestant Missions on the Congo :

M. le pasteur Henri Anet, Ph.D., Secrétaire Général de la Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo.

By the Swiss Missionary Societies :

M. le pasteur A. Grandjean, Secrétaire Général de la Mission Suisse Romande.

Missionsinspektor Oettli, Inspektor der Basler Mission.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the following being present were co-opted as members of the conference :

Rev. Bishop Hennig, D.D., Direktor der Heidenmission der Brüdergemeine Herrnhut. Vorsitzender des deutschen evangelischen Missionsausschusses.

Rev. Professor D. Haussleiter, Professor der Missionswissenschaft in Halle a/S.

Rev. Professor Julius Richter, D.D., Professor der Mission, University of Berlin.

Herr Pastor Friedrich Würz, Basel.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Westcott, D.D., Metropolitan of India and Ceylon, Chairman of the Indian National Missionary Council.[1]

Rt. Rev. Bishop Roots, D.D., Bishop of Hankow, Chairman of the China Continuation Committee.

J. H. Oldham, Secretary of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference, 1910, and of the Emergency Committee of Co-operating Missions.

Miss G. A. Gollock, Assistant Editor of the *International Review of Missions.*

Dr Pierre de Benoit.

The Chairman stated that, acting on a cablegram received from the Rev. F. L. H. Paton, he had invited the Bishop of Willochra

[1] Bishop Westcott left after the 12th session,

and thereafter the Bishop of Gippsland. The Bishop of Willochra was prevented by previous engagements from attending the meeting and the Bishop of Gippsland had written to say that to his great regret the state of his health made it impossible for him to be present.

The Chairman stated that an undertaking had been given to the national missionary organizations[1] in different countries that the conference would take no independent action from nor make any independent pronouncement, but would merely report its conclusions to the national missionary organizations in the different countries.

2. Appointment of Business Committee. On the nomination of the Chairman it was agreed to appoint the following Business Committee to nominate officers of the conference and to prepare the agenda :

M. Couve, Dr Fries, Dr Gandier, Dr Gunning, Bishop Hennig, Dr Hodgkin, Dr Mott, Dr Ritson, Bishop Roots, Dr Watson, Bishop Westcott, and Mr Oldham, the last named to act as convener until the Business Committee should report and the conference appoint a chairman of the committee.

Second Session, 8–9 *p.m.*

The conference met with Mr Oldham in the chair.

The Chairman called for a moment of silent prayer.

3. Chairman of the Conference. Mr Oldham announced that the Business Committee nominated Bishop Roots as Chairman of the conference. The nomination was unanimously approved and Bishop Roots took the chair.

4. Chairman of the Business Committee. Mr Oldham reported that the Business Committee nominated Dr J. R. Mott as Chairman of the Business Committee and the nomination was unanimously approved.

5. Secretary and Recording Secretaries. Dr Mott on behalf of the Business Committee nominated Mr Oldham as secretary of the conference and Mr Galen Fisher and Dr Fries as recording secretaries.

These nominations were unanimously approved.

[1] The term " national missionary organization " is used to describe the interdenominational conferences or committees in which in different countries the missionary societies are united for common consultation and co-operation. It should be noted, however, that the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is international, including the mission boards both of the United States and of Canada.

6. Language of Conference. It was agreed on the recommendation of the Business Committee that speakers should use the language of their choice, but that speeches in any language other than English should be translated, preferably by a summary at the conclusion of each speech, but sentence by sentence verbatim if the speaker so desired.

The Chairman conducted a devotional period.

Third Session, June 23rd, 9.30–12.15 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Frank Ashcroft.

7. The Missionary Situation after the War. Mr Oldham made an extended statement summarizing and explaining sections I to V of the pamphlet, "The Missionary Situation after the War" (which had been prepared for the conference and previously issued to its members), with special reference to the tendency of governments to restrict missions.

Dr Ritson conducted a period of intercession.

The discussion on Mr Oldham's statement was continued by Mr Fisher, Dr Richter, Canon Gould, Dr Gunning, Mr Goudie, Mr Oldham and Dr Hodgkin.

Fourth Session, June 23rd, 4–6 p.m.

The session was opened by the singing of a hymn.

The discussion of the subject of the third session was continued by Dr Watson, Mr Wilson, Dr Richter, Bishop Westcott and M. Allégret.

Fifth Session, June 23rd, 8–9.30 p.m.

The session was opened by the singing of a hymn.

M. Allégret concluded his statement and was followed by M. Anet and Mr Oldham on the same subject.

Sixth Session, June 24th, 9.30 a.m.–12.15 p.m.

The session was opened by the singing of a hymn and the offering of prayer by M. Allégret.

8. Proposed International Missionary Organization. Mr Oldham made a statement on international missionary organization, summarizing and explaining a pamphlet on the subject prepared for the meeting and previously issued to members. A discussion took place

and was taken part in by Mr Bardsley, Dr Watson, Dr Endicott, M. Couve, Dr Mott, Dr Ritson, Mr Maclennan, Herr Würz, Dr Gould, Mr Fisher, Bishop King, Mr Goudie, Dr Fries, Professor Torm, Dr Hodgkin, Dr Wolf.

Seventh Session, June 24th, 4–6 p.m.

The session was opened by a moment of silent prayer.

9. Presentation to Conference. Colonel van Berchem presented to each member of the conference a copy of the life and letters of his daughter, the late Madame Renée de Benoit. The Chairman expressed the deep appreciation of the conference.

10. The Missionary Situation. The tendency of governments to restrict missions was again considered and M. Joubert read a resolution of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, urging that the German missionaries might be re-admitted as soon as possible to their former fields of labour. The discussion was continued by M. Grandjean, Dr Wolf, Mr Oldham, Dr Fries, Dr Richter, Herr Oettli, Bishop Hennig, Bishop Westcott, Herr Würz, Mr Ashcroft, M. Allégret, Mr Goudie, M. Couve and Dr Watson.

Eighth Session, June 24th, 8–9.30 p.m.

The discussion of the preceding subject was further considered by Herr Oettli, Mr Oldham, M. Anet, Bishop Hennig, Dr Richter and Dr Mott.

It was recommended that the delegates from North America should confer with the German members as to relief measures, especially for the missions in China.

Dr Richter submitted seven proposals drafted by the German members which they desired to have referred to the Business Committee.

Canon Gould spoke on the general subject of the evening's discussion.

M. le pasteur Anet conducted the devotional period.

Ninth Session, June 25th, 9.30 a.m.–12.15 p.m.

11. Greetings to the Conference. Greetings were submitted from the Synodical Committee of the National Church of the Canton de Vaud, and from the Federation of Churches in Geneva. Telegrams of acknowledgment were submitted and approved.

12. Missionaries and Political Questions. The topic, "The Relation of Missionaries to Political Questions," as outlined in the pamphlet, "The Missionary Situation after the War," was opened up by Mr Oldham and the discussion was participated in by Bishops Westcott and Roots, Mr Fisher, M. Anet, Dr Wolf, Mr Goudie, Dr Richter, Dr Haussleiter and Dr Endicott.

In the middle of the morning a devotional period was conducted by Pastor Würz.

Tenth Session, June 25th, 8–9.30 p.m.

The session was opened by the singing of a hymn.

13. The Present Position of German Missions. The topic of the present position of German missions, already dealt with in previous discussions, was considered and resolutions were offered by Dr Hodgkin, M. Couve and Mr Lenwood.

A devotional period was conducted by Missionsdirector Dr Gunning.

Eleventh Session, June 26th, 9.30 a.m.–12.15 p.m.

The first hour was devoted to intercession, with special reference to the present position of German missions, led by the Rev. Frank Lenwood.

14. International Missionary Organization. Dr Mott presented the report of the Business Committee on a permanent international missionary organization. After general discussion it was referred back to the committee.

A devotional period was conducted by Bishop Westcott.

Twelfth Session, June 26th, 4–6 p.m.

15. Missionary Education. After the singing of a hymn, followed by silent prayer, the problem of education was discussed by the following: Dr Watson, Dr Wolf, Mr Goudie, Dr Hodgkin, Mr Ashcroft, Dr Richter, Bishop King, Dr Gunning, Dr Fries, Mr Joubert, Dr Mott, Bishop Westcott and Mr Oldham.

Thirteenth Session, June 26th, 8–9.30 p.m.

16. Resolutions regarding German Missions. The Business Committee presented a statement with reference to German missions.

The introduction and first eight sections were unanimously approved and the ninth section referred back to the committee.

The statement, including the ninth section as revised and unanimously approved at the last session of the conference (Minute 20), is as follows:

> The conference having considered carefully the present position of German missions, and having had the advantage of hearing full statements both from the German representatives and from those of allied nations, desires to submit the following points for the consideration of the national missionary organizations in the different countries.
>
> (1) The conference has been deeply impressed by the complexity of the situation created by the war in the colonies of the Allied Powers and in the former German colonies and elsewhere and of the importance of recognizing the great variety of situations, each of which needs to be studied separately, both from the standpoint of governments and from that of missions.
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> (2) It seems to the conference very desirable and important that the missionary societies which have for the present undertaken the care, or are considering the undertaking of the care of the former German missions, should, following the admirable example set by the Paris Missionary Society in its relations with the Basel Mission and by other missionary societies, put themselves in direct touch with the German missionary societies with a view to the frank discussion of the whole situation and for the purpose of learning the wishes of those formerly responsible for the work.
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> (3) In attempting to make provision for the needs of German missions it is important that the denominational character of the mission should be kept carefully in view and the attempt be made as far as possible to conserve that character.
>
> (4) The conference has been deeply impressed with the seriousness of any restrictions which would limit the full expression of the spiritual life and energy of the Christians in Germany, and of the grave loss which would thereby result both to the Church of Christ in Germany and to the world. It desires to refer this important matter to the national missionary organizations with a view to their taking such steps with their own governments as in the light of the claims of the

Kingdom of God and of the circumstances in each mission field may seem to them wise for the modification as soon as possible of existing restrictions.

(5) The attention of the conference has been called to the serious difficulties in which German missions in China and certain other countries have been placed in consequence of the present condition of exchange, and invites the national missionary organizations, and in particular the Committee of Reference and Counsel in North America, to consider this situation with a view to giving such help as may be possible.

(6) The conference refers to the Standing Committee in Great Britain a special request of the German members with reference to Palestine, in which all Christians have a special interest, in the hope that they may consider whether any steps can be taken to secure that the German missions and philanthropic establishments there should be allowed to continue their work.

(7) The conference suggests that the national missionary organizations should give special consideration to the steps which may be taken when Germany is admitted to the League of Nations to secure the removal or alleviation of present restrictions of German missionary work.

(8) The conference asks the Standing Committee in Great Britain to consider what steps may be taken to secure that when German missions are allowed to resume work within the British Empire they should be placed in the same position as neutrals under Memorandum C. of the new British policy.

(9) The conference recognizes that the removal of restrictions imposed by governments depends very largely on securing the confidence of the governments, and that in this task much help may be rendered to missions of alien nationality by missionaries who are subjects of the governing Power. The endeavour therefore to secure the removal of restrictions on the return of German missionaries to the sphere of their former labours is not only a task to be undertaken by the missionary societies in the allied countries, but also one in which German missions and missionaries must co-operate by endeavouring to understand the difficulties of the governments and the standpoint of their fellow-missionaries of other nationalities. The conference suggests to the national missionary organizations that

in preparation for the return of German missionaries, and in particular where there appears to be a prospect of an early return, opportunities should be provided of mutual intercourse between German missions and those of allied nations for the purpose of arriving at mutual understanding and of enabling German missions to resume their work with the largest hope of success.

Professor Torm spoke regarding the relation of missionaries to political questions.

17. Education. The discussion of the problem of education was resumed, being participated in by Bishop Roots, Mr Oldham, Mr Fisher, Mr Bardsley, Dr Strong, Dr Watson and Dr Ritson. It was agreed that the proposal of Mr Oldham that the projected international committee make a thorough study of the problem of education in mission lands should be referred to the Business Committee.

Fourteenth Session, June 27th, 3.30–6.35 p.m.

18. Letter to Colonel and Madame van Berchem. M. Couve read a letter signed by all the members expressing their gratitude to Colonel and Madame van Berchem, who responded by short speeches voicing their joy at having had the privilege of devoting their home to the service of the Kingdom of God, and to furthering the unity of their fellow-Christians from so many nations. The text of the letter is as follows :

Nous membres de la conférence missionaire réunie à Crans du 22 au 28 Juin 1920, arrivant au terme de nos travaux, tenons à exprimer au Colonel et à Madame van Berchem notre profonde gratitude pour l'accueil qu'ils nous ont réservé à leur foyer pendant ces jours d'intense labeur.

Reconnaissants du fond du cœur pour une hospitalité généreusement offerte, et dont les moindres détails furent réglés avec la plus attentive cordialité, nous garderons pardessus tout le souvenir ému de l'atmosphère spirituelle dont nous nous sommes sentis si continuellement enveloppés, atmosphère de paix et de consécration, de sérénité dans le service de Dieu et de soumission dans le sacrifice imposé par ce service, atmosphère qu'a plus que toute autre chose, contribué au succès de notre conférence.

Le souvenir aussi de celle qui, ayant appris au foyer de Crans à aimer l'œuvre à laquelle nous avons nous-mêmes consacré nos vies et pour laquelle elle a donné la sienne, restera lié pour nous à celui de notre sejour à ce même foyer, et nous accompagnera comme une inspiration dans la poursuite de nos œuvres respectives.

Représentants de onze nations différentes, mais tous unis dans le service de

la même cause et dans l'amour du même Sauveur nous renouvelons au Colonel et à Madame van Berchem l'expression de notre gratitude et nous joignons nos prières pour appeler sur eux-mêmes, sur leurs enfants et petits enfants les meilleurs bénédictions de notre Père Céleste.

FAIT AU CHÂTEAU DE CRANS,
le 28 *Juin* 1920.

19. Devotional Service. The remainder of the session was given to worship and devotion. Mr Oldham made an introductory statement on the chief needs of the missionary movement as it faces the period of reconstruction after the war. Many of those present made contributions to the subject from their personal experience and a considerable part of the session was given to silent or spoken prayer.

20. German Missions. The Business Committee submitted in revised form the ninth section of the statement on German missions, and this was unanimously approved as given in Minute 16.

21. International Missionary Committee. On report of the Business Committee a Minute with reference to the formation of an international missionary committee was unanimously adopted as follows:

I. This conference recommends to the national[1] missionary organizations the establishment of an International Missionary Committee on the following basis:

(1) The Committee shall be established on the basis that the only bodies entitled to determine missionary policy are the missionary societies and boards and the churches in the mission field.

(2) The Committee shall be constituted by the national missionary organizations in the different countries which shall be entitled to send representatives as follows:

Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada)	20
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Australasia	2
South Africa	2
German Missions-ausschuss	6
France	4

[1] The term "national missionary organization" is used to describe the interdenominational conferences or committees in which in different countries the missionary societies are united for common consultation and co-operation. It should be noted, however, that the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is international, including the mission boards both of the United States and Canada.

Dutch Committee of Advice	2
Swedish General Missionary Conference	2
Switzerland	2
Norway	2
Danish Missionary Council	1
National Joint Missions Committee of Finland	1
Belgium	1
Japan Continuation Committee ..	3
China Continuation Committee ..	3
Indian National Missionary Council ..	3

In countries where there is no representative organization the Committee of Reference referred to later shall have power to determine the means by which representation shall be effected.

Where the number of representatives from national missionary organizations in Europe and North America exceed two, not more than two-thirds of the number of representatives shall be executive officers of missionary societies or boards.

Two out of the three representatives each from Japan, China and India shall be nationals of these countries.

The Committee of Reference referred to later shall have power to nominate co-opted members not exceeding eight from countries and mission fields not otherwise represented, including Africa and the Near East.

Members of the Committee shall hold office until their successors are appointed, the length of term of office and the method of appointment to be determined in each country by the national missionary organization.

It is understood that the Committee will function internationally, and that the national sections of the Committee will not take action as national groups though they may be called together by the officers for purposes of consultation if this should seem necessary.

(3) The functions of the Committee shall be the following :

(*a*) To stimulate thinking and investigation on missionary questions, to enlist in the solution of these questions the best knowledge and experience to be found in all countries and to make the results available for all missionary societies and missions.

(*b*) To help to co-ordinate the activities of the national missionary organizations in the different countries and of the societies they represent and to bring about united action where necessary in missionary questions.

(*c*) Through common consultation to help to unite Christian public opinion in support of freedom of conscience and religion and of missionary liberty.

(*d*) To help to unite the Christian forces of the world in seeking justice in international and inter-racial relations, especially where politically weaker people are involved.

(*e*) To be responsible for the publication of the *International Review of Missions* and such other publications as in the judgment of the Committee may contribute to the study of missionary questions.

(*f*) To call another world missionary conference if and when this should be desirable.

(4) The Committee shall ordinarily meet every second year, but a special meeting of the Committee may be called or the regular meeting postponed if the Committee of Reference, after consulting with the co-operating missionary organizations, are satisfied that this is desirable.

(5) The Committee shall have power to appoint officers to carry out the functions assigned to it.

(6) The Committee shall appoint a Committee of Reference to act for it in the intervals between its meetings with the right to fill vacancies in its own membership.

(7) The Committee shall prepare an annual budget, which shall be submitted to the national missionary organizations of the sending countries for approval and towards which they will be asked to contribute in a proportion to be agreed upon and corresponding generally to the total income received at home by the missionary societies co-operating in the national missionary organizations.

(8) The conclusions of the Committee shall be reported to the national missionary organizations for their approval, and no independent action shall be taken or pronouncement made by the Committee except in matters of urgency and only when the representatives of the co-operating national missionary organizations are confident that the action or pronouncement will commend itself to the organizations they represent.

(9) It is recognized that the successful working of the International Missionary Committee is entirely dependent on the gift from God of the spirit of fellowship, mutual understanding and desire to co-operate.

II. This conference recommends to the national missionary organizations that they approve of the following being asked to act as a special committee to make preparations for the first meeting of the International Committee and to act until that committee has met :

Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley.
Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.
Pasteur D. Couve.
Dr Karl Fries.
Rev. Principal Gandier, D.D.
Zendingsdirektor J. W. Gunning, D.D.
Mr F. H. Hawkins.
Rev. Bishop Hennig, D.D.
Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.
Rev. J. H. Ritson, D.D.
Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, D.D.
Rev. Robert Speer, D.D.
Rt. Rev. Bishop of Winchester,

with the Chairman, Secretaries and Acting Treasurer named in the following paragraph.

III. The conference recommends to the national missionary organizations that subject to final ratification by the International Missionary Committee they approve of the appointment of Dr John R. Mott as Chairman and Mr J. H. Oldham as Secretary of the international committee and of an approach being made to the Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, D.D., to become Mr Oldham's colleague in the secretariat, and to Mr James M. Speers to serve as Acting Treasurer.

IV. The conference recommends that the first meeting of the International Missionary Committee should be held in North America in the year 1921.

V. It is understood that the Emergency Committee of Co-operating Missions will continue its present functions until the above plan has received the general approval of the national missionary organizations in the different countries, when it will transfer its responsibilities to the International Missionary Committee or the special committee named in paragraph II above.

VI. That the Foreign Missions Conference in North America and the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain be thanked for underwriting the budget for international missionary co-operation for the present year in the proportion of seven-

tenths and three-tenths respectively. That the national missionary organizations on the Continent be approached with a view to their making a proportionate contribution if they so desire, and that the officers of the International Missionary Committee be asked to submit at its first meeting a statement regarding the distribution of the budget between the different countries represented on the committee.

VII. That the national missionary organizations be asked to provide for the expenses of their representatives in attending the meeting of the International Missionary Committee, and that it be remitted to the officers in consultation with the Committee of Reference and Counsel in America and the Standing Committee in Great Britain to raise a special fund to assist in meeting the expenses of Oriental delegates and of representatives from countries which find it difficult to meet the entire expense involved.

VIII. That arrangements connected with the taking over of the funds of the Emergency Committee and the opening of a bank account be left in the hands of the British members of the special committee with powers.

IX. That the national missionary organizations be asked to approve of entrusting the following tasks to the International Missionary Committee:

(*a*) Further consideration of present restrictions on missionary work with a view to taking such steps in co-operation with the national missionary organizations in the countries concerned as may lead to their removal or alleviation.

(*b*) The thorough study of the present position of Christian education throughout the world in view of the rapid extension of state systems of education as set forth in the statement, "The Missionary Situation after the War."

(*c*) Consideration of the steps necessary to bring about international co-operation in the provision of adequate Christian literature for the mission fields.

(*d*) A study of the problems involved in the relations of missionaries to political questions as outlined in the statement, "The Missionary Situation after the War."

(*e*) A study of the attitude and policy of the missionary movement in relation to the growth of industrialism in Asia and other mission fields, and the social problems arising therefrom.

It is understood that these investigations will be carried out in co-operation with the national missionary organizations in the different countries.

It was agreed to ask Mr Oldham to devote special attention during the coming year to the first two subjects named.

X. Recognizing the very great importance of the China National Missionary Conference to be called in China in May 1921, and the international character of the missionary problems which will be dealt with at that gathering, this conference recommends to the special committee named in paragraph II that Dr John R. Mott be asked to arrange his plans so as to permit his visiting China at that time.

In view of the fact that the war prevented the realization of the plans made for holding a series of missionary conferences in the Near East and North Africa for the purposes of co-ordinating the policies of missionary agencies working in this area, and in view of the increased need for a fresh study of the missionary situation because of the changed political conditions, this conference recommends that the special committee named in paragraph II urge upon Dr Mott the importance of his arranging for the carrying out of these plans if possible within the next two years.

A period of devotion was led by Dr Hodgkin in which special prayer was offered for the officers of the proposed international committee. It was suggested that members of the conference should, following the practice of the Continuation Committee, remember the officers of the international committee in daily prayer.

22. The International Review of Missions. A statement on the *International Review of Missions* was made by Miss Gollock.

23. Restrictions on Missions of Neutral Countries. Mr Oldham proposed the following resolution which was spoken to by Dr Fries and Herr Oettli and unanimously adopted :

That the Standing Committee in Great Britain be asked to give attention to existing restrictions on the missions of countries which were neutral in the war, and to consider whether any steps can be taken to bring about any alleviation of these restrictions.

24. Restrictions in Madagascar and Annam. It was moved, seconded and agreed that the attention of the national missionary organizations concerned be called to the present restrictions on missionary work in Madagascar and Annam.

25. Memorial to the High Commissioner in Egypt. A memorial to the High Commissioner of Egypt by missionary bodies working in that country was submitted. It was agreed to refer the matter to the national missionary organizations concerned.

26. Publication of Material. It was agreed that the statement, "The Missionary Situation after the War," be published with the omission of any material of a confidential nature and be made available for mission boards.

27. Minutes of this Conference. It was agreed that the minutes of this conference be referred to a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr Oldham and Mr Maclennan for final approval, that they be printed, marked "Strictly private and confidential," and copies supplied to members of the conference, with such limited number of additional copies as may be required by the national missionary organizations in the different countries.

28. Public Reports of the Conference. It was agreed that members of the conference should be at liberty to publish descriptive accounts of the conference, but that with reference to the formation of the International Missionary Committee and to German missions the only published statement made be the following:

> The conference gave careful consideration to the future of international missionary organization and agreed upon proposals to be submitted to the national missionary organizations and through them to the missionary societies in the different countries for their consideration.
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> The conference gave long and careful consideration to the present position of German missions. Having no authority as an international body to take action or make a pronouncement in the matter the conference decided to submit to the national missionary organizations in the different countries a report of the chief points brought out in its deliberations, with a view to their taking such action as may seem to them right.

29. Vote of Thanks to Dr de Benoit. It was agreed by a rising vote to express the warm thanks of the conference to Dr de Benoit for his careful and arduous preparation for the conference, his attention to every possible detail which might contribute to the comfort of its members and to its success, his labours in connection with the travelling arrangements of delegates and the spirit of unselfish and uncalculating service which helped to create an atmosphere that meant much for the whole work of the conference.

30. Thanks to Mademoiselle Trembley. The conference expressed its cordial thanks to Mademoiselle Trembley for her services so generously rendered in the typing of the papers needed by the conference.

Dr Mott gave a closing address and led the conference in prayer. After the singing of a hymn the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Roots.

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